

Waukesha County Cooperation Council
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2017

Opening

The regular meeting of the Waukesha County Cooperation Council was called to order at 4:13pm on April 24, 2017 in the County Board Room of the Waukesha County Courthouse by County Executive Paul Farrow.

Present

Cities: Dave Ament, New Berlin; Scott Klein, Pewaukee; Joe Pieper, Waukesha; Steven Ponto, Brookfield.

Towns: Tom Hagie, Brookfield.

Villages: Tim Clark, Lac La Belle; David Cox, Hartland; Jeffrey Knutson, Pewaukee; Neil Palmer, Elm Grove; Jeff Pfannerstill, Hartland; Fred Winchowky, Mukwonago.

Other: Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive.

Not Present

Cities of Delafield, Muskego, Oconomowoc; Towns of: Delafield, Eagle, Genesee, Lisbon, Merton, Mukwonago, Oconomowoc, Ottawa, Vernon, Waukesha; Villages of: Big Bend, Butler, Chenequa, Dousman, Eagle, Lannon, Menomonee Falls, Merton, Nashotah, North Prairie, Oconomowoc Lake, Summit, Sussex, Wales.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2017 meeting was made by Steven Ponto, seconded by Neil Palmer. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda

Election of a New Chairman (Villages):

Neil Palmer was unanimously elected as the chairman of the WCCC for the next year.

Coal Tar Sealants – Neil Palmer, Village of Elm Grove:

Neil Palmer provided an overview regarding coal tar sealants. The packet of information (including PowerPoint and studies) can be provided upon request by contacting kbendlin@waukeshacounty.gov. Sweet Water, along with the DNR helped to fund research on PAHs which are derived from petroleum products (specifically high levels found in coal-tar based sealants). The research found high levels of PAHs in water in urban areas which leach out of road and pavement sealants. Paving sealants wear off due to rain, snow melt, and other wear-and-tear into storm water and ditch systems; they can also become airborne. Although large paving companies in the area do not use coal tar sealants, and retailers do not sell it—due to its inexpensive nature, coal tar sealants may be frequently utilized by one-off, no-name small asphalt businesses. There are health concerns regarding the PAHs found in coal tar-based

products: the AMA has called for banning coal-tar sealants, cancer risks are increased for those that live adjacent to coal-tar sealed lots. Fish that consume high-quantities of PAHs have deformities.

Because PAHs are naturally occurring and cannot be eliminated altogether, it is necessary to determine where they occur in the highest concentration and determine if their use can be minimized or regulated. Consider putting educational resources on municipal sites pertaining to PAHs as well as working to limit what products less-than-reputable contractors may use. Evaluating the utilization of products high in PAH is a fairly high-priority watershed trust concern

Future Topics for Discussion:

There is an interest in bringing local legislators back to the WCCC in the fall meeting to see what progress has been made and what actions have been completed.

Adjournment

Meeting was moved to adjourn at 4:51pm by Steven Ponto, seconded by Tim Clark. The next general meeting will be at 4:00pm on July 24, 2017 in the County Board Room AC350 of the Waukesha County Courthouse.